



# Hoosier Rising Star Award



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Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman envisions a rural Indiana characterized by genuine economic opportunity, responsible stewardship of natural resources, and strong, sustainable communities that provide a high quality of life for those who call rural Indiana home. In partnership with hundreds of Hoosiers and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, Lt. Governor Skillman convened RISE 2020, the state's first-ever strategic plan for rural communities. RISE 2020 seeks to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of the state's rural countryside, including the many towns and small cities that help comprise rural Indiana. In an effort to acknowledge the contribution youth make in our rural communities, Lt. Governor Skillman created the Hoosier Rising Star Award, an annual honor which will be given to as many as five youth who have made a significant difference in their rural communities.

RISE 2020 targets economic development, environmental issues, tourism, education, and social issues such as abuse, crime, hunger, and poverty. Priority will be given to students who have created and/or taken the lead on innovative projects which address these targeted issues in their communities. The ideal nominee will have performed at least one significant volunteer activity during the school year.

Any student enrolled in grades K-12 during the 2005-06 school year may be nominated by a member of their community. A completed nomination form is required. Nominations may be supplemented by the student's resume or biography, up to three letters of recommendation, and any relevant press clippings. All application materials should be submitted together and must be postmarked by December 31, 2006. The winners will be recognized by the end of the 2006-07 school year.

Please send materials to:

Office of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman  
Statehouse, Room 333  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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## Nomination Application



### Part A: Nominator's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section B: Student's Information

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section C:

Please provide as much detail as possible.

Why is this student deserving of the Hoosier Rising Star Award?

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Please explain the nominee's activities or service to their community.

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Please explain the nominee's impact on their community.

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*If more space is required please attach additional sheets to this application.*